reference was made to the Chief Court Registrar. I do not think his report has come.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan :— May I know the nature of the information supplied by the Comptroller of Accounts?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— It is too early now to divulge such things.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon :— Was there not a petition from the process servers to the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— I do not remember. There might have been. Now, that does not affect the merits of the issue raised in the question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— May I know what the point referred to the Comptroller of Accounts was?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— It will not be fair either for the Government or for this House to discuss these points at this stage.

Hospitals and Dispensaries in the State—medicines purchased for.

104. Mr. Paul Mampilli:— Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) The amounts spent for the purchase of medicines for the use of hospitals and dispensaries in the State in each of the last five years;

(b) The quantity of medicines purchased in each of such years?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :—

		Rs.
(a)	1105	97,671
	1106	1,10,944
	1107	1,13,875
	1108	1,28,455
	1109	1,36,969

(b) To collect the statistics will take much time and labour and cannot be undertaken except by engaging a special staff for the purpose.

Mr. Paul Mampilli :— Don't you keep registers with regard to the purchase made every year?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :— Yes.

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Mr. Paul Mampilli :— Then where is the difficulty to get the statistics ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :— The figures for the several years have to be tabulated, and this tabulation work cannot be done without a special staff.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan :— May I know whether tenders have been called for all these purchases ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :— Yes, for every one.

Mr. Paul Mampilli :— Is not the price of medicine lower than that of previous years ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :— Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :— For knowing the total quantity of medicines bought why do you require a special staff ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :— We have got the tabulation work of different kinds of medicine purchased during the last 5 years.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :— The department must do it independantly.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao :— It is not possible.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :— It is possible.

Supply of Alwaye water to Vypeen.

105. Mr. Paul Mampilli :— Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) Whether Government are aware that good drinking water is not available in Vypeen ;

(2) Whether there was not a proposal to supply Alwaye water in Vypeen ;

(3) If so, at what stage is the proposal now ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon :— (1) They know that water in the wells at Vypeen is not generally very good.

(2) Yes.

(3) The proposal was dropped since it is not possible to extend the supply of Alwaye water till the take-off at the Head Works is increased.

Mr. Paul Mampilli :— Whether the Government have any idea of bringing good drinking water to Vypeen ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon :— Yes.

Mr. Paul Mampilli :— What is the proposal ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon :— The proposal was to

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